

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS23255

Section, 33-5208(8), Idaho Code, provides that: Each public charter school shall pay an authorizer fee to its authorized chartering entity, to defray the actual documented cost of monitoring, evaluation and oversight, which, in the case of charter schools authorized by the Commission, shall include each school's proportional fee share of all moneys appropriated to the public charter school commission, plus fifteen percent (15%). This past Session there was legislative interest in appropriating General Funds to supplement the Public Charter School Commission's (PCSC) FY 2015 budget. However, since the authorizer fee is calculated off of "all moneys appropriated," an additional appropriation of General Funds would have also resulted in an automatic increase in the authorizer fee the following year. The proposed legislation would amend the authorizer fee formula to include only those funds appropriated from the Public Charter School Authorizers fund rather than all appropriated moneys.

The proposed amendment would also change the authorizer fee payment deadline from February 15 to March 15. Data needed to calculate the fee are not typically available from the State Department of Education in time to invoice the schools and receive payment by February 15.

FISCAL NOTE

These amendments in and of themselves have no fiscal impact, but will impact how future approved budget increases are calculated in regards to the Authorizer Fund.

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